

Sunday, May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE "Christ lag in Todesbanden" Heinrich Scheidemann

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. *Water is poured.*

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **ELW 631**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

L: A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

The congregation is invited to chant the bold verse.



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁸Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have I tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- I to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- I on our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through I fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place I of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house I with burnt offerings
and will pay I you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised I with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the I smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- I en and goats. R**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you I who believe,
and I will tell you what God has I done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God I with my mouth,
and praised the Lord I with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil I in my heart,
the Lord would I not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth I God has heard me
and has attended to the sound I of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- I ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing I love from me. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

P: A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Loving Spirit"

ELW 397

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love.

Response to each petition: AM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

ELW 735

OFFERING

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord’s Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, “the body of Christ given for you.” If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, “the blood of Christ shed for you.” Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"In the Singing"

ELW 466

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag"

Johann Gottfried Walther

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RADIO BROADCASTS today is given in memory of George Vogel by Karen Vogel.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Edward Workman, organ; Thomas Engler, piano

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 14, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Acolyte:** Logan Adair; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Stephanie Robbins, John Van Deusen; **Reader:** Stephanie Robbins; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Melissa Barbre; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, May 21, 2023: Preaching: Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Acolytes:** Haley Benavides; **Communion Assistants:** Liz Witten, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elaine Giesber, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Darlene Zies; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; **A/V Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Susan Yeatts, Doris Jefferies

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

THE HERITAGE CLASS (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.

EPHESIANS AND THE FAITH 5 (Family Life Center): 9:15 am. From April 16-May 28 our evangelism conversation continues by studying the early church while building real faith sharing practices. Paul Sims and Dennis Sagebiel will use the lens of *Faith 5*, simple steps for sharing faith not only in a church context, but also with the children and youth in our lives.

JOY CLASS (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (1st Floor Green Room): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am.

<i>Unit 8 Four Friends</i>	5/14 Four Friends Care- Drama
5/21 Friends Never Give Up- Science	5/28 Jesus Heals a Friend- Cooking
6/4 Faith in Jesus- Bible Skills and Games	

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER HYMN SELECTIONS will come from you! The Worship Team wants your input on which hymns we will sing this summer, June through August. Please make sure to pick up a hymn selection card, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate every Sunday this month. We will feature your choices throughout each service over the course of our summer. Yes, you can select more than one hymn!

2023 YOUR BEST LIFE FESTIVAL sponsored by NAMI Guadalupe County is **Saturday, May 20** from 10-2pm at Central Park in downtown Seguin. Learn about health and wellness community resources, insurance, mental health, nutrition, physical fitness, safety and more. Bring the kids for free face painting, balloon twisting, and a bounce house/slide. For details, visit NAMIGuadalupeCounty.org/festival.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is **May 21**. Make time to congratulate our high school, college, and postbaccalaureate graduate candidates after worship. We will celebrate their accomplishments and have cake under the big oak.

CONFIRMATION CLASS gathers next on **Sunday, May 21** at 1pm for Confirmation Walk-thru. Confirmation at Emanuel's is **Sunday, May 28**.

YOUTH HANDBELL CAMP is presented by Emanuel's Music Ministry **June 12-14** from 8:30-Noon in the 3rd Floor Music Suites. Activities and performance in handbell playing and an introduction to music for young people. For youth entering grades 2-6. Registration forms are due by June 5.

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! The Summer Singers are taking over as the Jubilation Singers go on holiday. Beginning June 4 join us in the sanctuary at the piano at 10am for rehearsal. We sing every 1st and 3rd Sundays until September. Summer is a great, informal time to try something new. Please try us! Reach out to the Director of Music Tom Engler at thomas@elcseguin.org.

2023 SUMMER CAMP: Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch, and Port Aransas
Registration is open for our Synod Summer Camp Programs! This ministry is a wonderful chance to experience God in some incredible ways and we want everyone to go who wishes too! Reach out to Pastor Marcus ASAP to get your 1st-11th grader registered.

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE 2023!

Three unique opportunities for kids and families to live, laugh & love in Christ this summer with friends from other churches. Mark your calendars now for VBE:

- **JUNE** VBS at Friedens United Church of Christ every Wednesday evening for 4y-6th grade.
- **JULY 22** "Life Through Water" at Emanuel's and the Wave Pool for 4y-6th grade.
- **AUGUST 19** Back to School Bash at St. Andrew's Episcopal. More info to come!

STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT is our June VBE at Friedens United Church of Christ every Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:30pm. At this VBS kids are launched on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. To register and volunteer go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/e6868a>

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Aaron Jenke
Garry Miller, *Stewardship Ministry*
Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Ministry*
Gwyneth Tallier, *Education Ministry*

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gathers on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

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GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Loving Spirit



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,

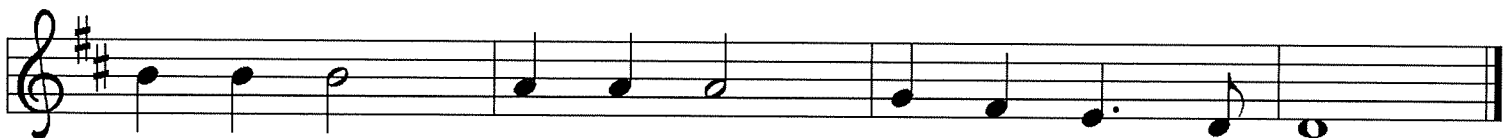


in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

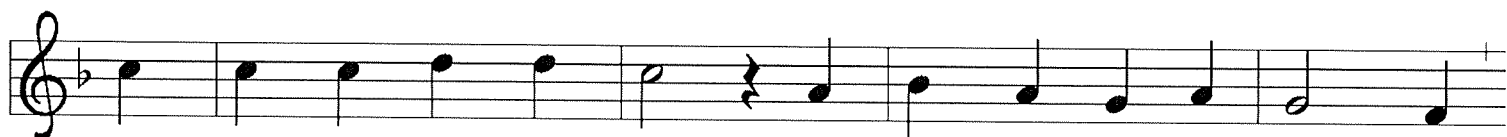
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Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.